

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

34760

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

Yes

5. Current Charter

10/05/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/05/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

No

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 Public Health Service Act

13. Effective Date

10/17/1962

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other (rents, user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provides independent, science-based advice and recommendations for the development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2015 which form the basis for Federal nutrition programs, nutrition standards, and nutrition education for the general public. The Committee uses a variety of tools to make recommendations that promote health and reduce the risk of chronic disease for Americans. Through use of the original systematic reviews utilizing the Nutrition Evidence Library of the USDA, existing reports and meta-analyses, data analyses, and food pattern modeling, the Committee reviewed the science on nutrition, physical activity and medical science to answer their research questions. Conclusions that were made form the basis of the recommendations in their Advisory Committee Report to the Secretaries of Agriculture and Health and Human Services.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee is knowledgeable of current scientific research in human nutrition. The Committee members are respected and published experts in their fields. They are familiar with the purpose, communication, and application of the Dietary Guidelines and have demonstrated interest in the public's health and well-being through their research and/or educational endeavors. Their expertise represents a variety of specialty areas, including the prevention of chronic diseases (e.g., cancer, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, and osteoporosis.), energy balance (including physical activity), epidemiology, food safety and technology, general medicine, gerontology, nutrient bioavailability, nutrition biochemistry and physiology, nutrition education, pediatrics, public health, and evidence review methodology. Equal opportunity practices regarding membership appointments to the Committee were aligned with USDA and HHS policies. Requests for membership to the Committee included, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities and persons with disabilities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Number of Meetings: 7 over an 18 month period. The Committee initially expected to hold 5 meetings but added an additional meeting in FY 2014 and one more in FY 2015 in order to complete its report.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee was established for the single, time-limited task of reviewing the 2010 edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and determining topics for which new scientific evidence is likely to be available that may inform revisions to the current

guidance or suggest new guidance. The report of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans is deemed necessary for improving the nutrition of Americans and, thus, is in the best interest of the public.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee held no closed meetings.

21. Remarks

The initial meeting for the 2015 DGAC was held on June 13-14, 2013. The former HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Dr. Howard Koh gave opening remarks at the meeting and administered the oath of office to the appointed Committee members. The USDA Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services reviewed the Committee's charge at the meeting. A website was established to inform the public of the Committee's activities. The website provides all announcements, meeting materials, resources, etc. A public comment database also has been developed for the public to submit and read comments throughout the two-year advisory committee process. HHS/USDA jointly set up several administrative leadership and workgroup committees. The Dietary Guidance Management Team was formed with nutrition experts across USDA/HHS to support the 2015 DGAC committee needs in various areas. The USDA's Nutrition Evidence Library staff provides research assistance and systematic reviews. A Data Analysis team will provide future data needs and assistance. A training session was delivered to all federal support staff. The DFO and HHS/USDA Co-executive Secretaries, along with the 2015 DGAC Committee Chair and Vice Chair and selected 2015 DGAC members and support staff meet as a Scientific Review Committee biweekly to provide scientific direction and ensure that timelines are met. From the 2015 DGAC Meeting 1, three(3) Workgroups were formed to establish key topic areas to be researched and prioritized. Prior to the second meeting, suggested research questions were proposed and prioritized. Subcommittees were established to refine specific topic areas and prioritize the work, based on current scientific literature and medical knowledge, existing reports, data analysis, and the identification of systematic reviews or food pattern modeling to support the Committees research needs. It was reported that 537 persons participated in one or both days of 2015 DGAC Meeting 1, approximately 1/3 in-person attendees and 2/3 via webcast. All 2015 DGAC-related information and updates are posted to www.dietaryguidelines.gov website. The only annual reporting requirement for the 2015 DGAC is updating and maintaining information that is posted in the FACA database for the annual comprehensive review. There is no additional requirement for the 2015 DGAC to provide an annual written report on the Committee's activities or accomplishments. The DGAC held 4 meetings in FY 2014 (January, March, July, and September and held 2 meetings in FY 2015 (November and December, 2014) before submitting its report to the Secretaries of HHS and USDA in

mid-February, 2015. At that time the DGAC disbanded. For that reason the FTE, personnel costs, and meeting costs were significantly lower in FY 2015 than in FY 2014.

Designated Federal Officer

Eve Essery Stooddy Lead Nutritionist

Narrative Description

Pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 5341, the need for this Committee is solely advisory in nature. The Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) shall provide independent, science-based advice and recommendations for the development of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans which form the basis of Federal nutrition policy, nutrition programs, nutrition standards, and nutrition education for the general public.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Cost savings cannot be determined but the potential benefits of providing the most up-to-date science in the form of Dietary Guidance for the general public is expected to have an impact on improving health outcomes by reducing the risk of chronic disease.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

The 2015 DGAC was established to perform a single, time-limited task. The DGAC recommendations were submitted to the Secretaries of HHS and USDA in mid-February 2015 in the Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee. When recommendations from the Committee were submitted, the Committee completed its mission. The 2015 DGAC has been terminated.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

N/A

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A